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WANTS \$6,000,000 TO BUY SEEDS

Secretary Houston Asks for an Appropriation to Help
Production in Regions That Are Suffering from
Drought

David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, has asked congress for an appropriation of \$6,000,000 to enable the department of agriculture to buy and sell seed to farmers for cost at a reasonable price. The necessity for the appropriation is explained in a letter which Mr. Houston has sent to the secretary of the treasury. Mr. Houston would have the money included in the urgent deficiency bill, and his arguments are as follows:

The seed situation has presented and continues to present many difficulties. Under the provision of the food production act, which made available \$2,500,000 for the purchase and sale of seed to farmers in restricted areas for cash, at cost, it has been possible for the department of agriculture to furnish some relief. Large quantities of seed of cotton, grain sorghums and corn have been purchased for the drought-stricken sections of Texas in order to make available adequate supplies of seed for the next planting season. The department of agriculture is taking similar action in North Dakota and Montana, and has arranged to purchase considerable quantities of old corn suitable for seed for sale to farmers in Indiana, where an emergency exists with reference to the supplies of viable seed corn.

It is clear, however, that the funds now at the command of the department are wholly insufficient to enable it to meet the situation properly. If production is to be maintained or increased next year it is essential that prompt and adequate action be taken to safeguard the seed supplies of the nation. There is urgent and immediate need for at least \$6,000,000, and it is probable that an additional sum will be required in the near future.

Two general areas have suffered severely from drought during the past season, the Southwest, including a large part of Texas and a part of Oklahoma, and a considerable portion of the Northwest, including large sections of North Dakota and eastern Montana. These regions represent a large part of the grain producing areas of the United States, with particular reference to grain sorghums, oats, barley, flax and corn. The seed corn situation in the northern half of the corn belt is more serious than it has been for many years. Early frosts throughout the northern part of the corn belt caught much of the corn either in the milk or in the dough stages, and although the crop was large, it contains

an unusually high percentage of soft corn. The high prices prevailing also have caused farmers to sell their old corn, and consequently there is a much smaller supply on hand than in former years.

Reports received through the department's agents and from other sources are to the effect that the corn of both grain and forage sorghums in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma was badly injured by the drought and by early frosts. Unless prompt action is taken to buy and store the seed a pronounced shortage will surely exist next spring.

Early maturing varieties of soy beans in recent years have become very important in several Northern States, especially in Michigan and Wisconsin. The early frosts of this year caught the soy beans in these States when they were about half-mature, and the seed crop, therefore, is practically a total loss. The probable large use of soy beans as feed, both whole and ground, and as human food, makes a large part of the crop of the early varieties harvested in Indiana and Ohio. Since these are the only sections from which suitable seed for Michigan and Wisconsin can be secured, it is important that adequate seed supplies be withdrawn from consumption and made available for planting during the next season.

Three Northern states produce large quantities of white or hard wheat, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin. Of the total acreage, nearly three-fourths is in Michigan. An early frost not only greatly reduced the yield, but also greatly injured the viability of the beans. It is essential, therefore, that action be taken to see that an adequate supply of good seed is available for the next planting season.

It is the purpose of the department, if the sum suggested is made available, to take immediate steps to secure, test and store at least a portion of the supply of these seeds that will be needed for next season. In this connection it should be borne in mind that, under the language of the item, the seed will be sold to farmers only for cash at a reasonable price, and it is provided that the fund may be used as a revolving fund until the secretary of agriculture determines that the emergency contemplated by the appropriation no longer exists. In the circumstances it is believed that it will be possible to return to the treasury the entire amount appropriated, or at least the greater portion of it.

PUTNEY.

Rev. Mr. Compton of West Brattleboro will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Miss Ruth Robbins has been ill with grip in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Robbins.

William Robinson Dodge has returned to his home in Springfield, Mass., after two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Robertson.

Miss Dorothy Hubbard and Miss Charlena Thomas of Brattleboro were guests for a few days of Miss Hubbard's aunt, Mrs. Charles L. Thwing.

Mrs. Mabel Clough Treadway of Shelter Island, N. Y., was a recent guest for a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doris Clough.

Miss Ruth Fildes is at home and Raymond spent Sunday at home, but returned to his work in the Atlantic and Pacific store in Brattleboro.

The youngest member of the Putney Branch of the American Red Cross is Bruce Ivan Bradley, five months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Bradley.

Owing to the schools not being in session on account of the conservation of coal the January meeting of the parent-teachers' association will be omitted.

Miss Gladys Guptil of Berwick, Me., who was a guest two weeks of Rev. T. J. Poelman, returned home to her school duties as teacher in the public school.

Mrs. J. C. Richmond and four daughters, Lillian, Gladys, Doris and Mildred, of Westminster, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Richmond's brother, Charles F. Farnum.

The body of George Lougee was brought here Saturday from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and buried in the family lot in Maple Grove. Mr. Lougee was brother of Mrs. E. E. Knight.

All milk producers are asked to attend the annual election of officers of the Putney branch of the New England Producers' association next Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, in Mechanics' hall, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Maxine Howard returned Wednesday night from several weeks' visit in New Haven, Bridgeport and New York, where she was fortunate enough to meet her brother, Russell Howard, before he started for France with the aviation corps, of which he is a member.

G. T. Apin was knocked down while taking down a beef carcass. The roll on which it hung came out and one end struck him on the head and he was found

unconscious with the carcass on him. Dr. S. H. Budgee was summoned, but it was some time before he regained consciousness. No bones were broken, but he was badly bruised.

In the annual meeting of the Congregational church and society held Tuesday afternoon the following officers were elected: Clerk and treasurer, Mrs. A. B. H. Harris; prudential committee, G. E. Apin, F. S. Hewitt, Olive Bessie Bradley, Mrs. J. B. Derry. The committee will be appointed by the prudential committee. G. H. Bradley was elected auditor.

While the preaching service at the Baptist church has been discontinued for a few Sundays, the Sunday school has been kept up and the primary class deserves especial credit. On the last Sunday of December it was so cold no one came for the Sunday school service but the primary class and the assistant teacher, Miss Farnum, held their regular service.

Much to the regret of the patrons of the local telephone exchange Miss Marie Parle has finished work there as operator. She has been unusually pleasant under all trying conditions and her quickness and efficiency have been duly appreciated. About 50 of the subscribers of the exchange presented her with a bank book. New Year's which signified that \$36 had been deposited to her name and \$2.50 has been handed in since.

WESTMINSTER WEST.

Schools began here Monday after a two-weeks' vacation.

Sharon Holden has returned from a two-weeks' visit in Hightgate.

Lloyd Stone moved his family to Windsor last week, where he has work. Mabel Harlow went to Brattleboro Monday to work for Mrs. Harrie Chase.

Conrad Baker, who spent a few weeks here with his family, returned to Toledo, Ohio, Saturday.

Miss Zella Rugg returned last week to her school in South Wardsboro, after spending the Christmas vacation in her home here.

Marion Benson returned Thursday from Malden, Mass., where she spent the Christmas vacation with her cousin, Beatrice Harlow.

Mrs. Walter Curtis returned Friday from Jersey City, N. J., where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bacon, several weeks.

Seymour Minard and Carleton Holden attended the meeting of the Po-

mona Grange in Bellows Falls Saturday afternoon and evening.

Deputy Henry A. Stoddard of Rockingham installed the officers of Maple Grove Grange last Thursday evening. After the installation an oyster supper was enjoyed.

In spite of the very cold weather and much sickness which is prevailing there were 45 present at the annual church dinner Saturday. The various annual reports were read in the afternoon.

The backbone of the extremely cold wave seems to be broken, we are happy to say. Most everyone found it necessary to keep oil stoves, lamps or lanterns burning night and day in the cellars to keep the vegetables and fruits from freezing.

Fred Harlow met with a painful accident last Wednesday. He was in the woods chopping at a tree when the axe slipped, cutting a gash on the top of his left foot between the toes and ankle. Dr. Osgood of Saxtons River was called and took several stitches in closing the wound. He was obliged to give up work until Monday.

WINDHAM.

Miss Mazie Burt of Keene, N. H., visited recently at Loren Gillis's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Eddy are at home after several months' stay in Windsor. Mr. Holt has gone to Saxtons River to spend the rest of the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Shipman.

The burning of the Pierce mill in Brookline threw five men in this town out of work, Mr. Abbott and three sons and Randall Rhoades.

Schools at the center and west part opened Monday for the winter term. Miss Grace Andrews returned Saturday from a two-weeks' vacation at her home in Bennington to resume her duties as teacher in the west part.

Mrs. M. H. Ingalls and little Marietta King, whom she took from the orphan's home in Burlington last spring, went Saturday to New York city. Mrs. Ingalls has accepted a position as housekeeper in Miss Whiting's boarding school for girls. Miss Whiting spent the summer at Maple Grove farm several years ago.

JAMAICA.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Industrial society will be held Jan. 23.

The missionary meeting and tea will be with Mrs. Ella Robinson next Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The election of officers of the Congregational Sunday school was held last Sunday, resulting as follows: Supt., Mrs. Ruth Robinson; asst. supt., Miss Mary Robinson; sec., Miss Lila Kingsbury; treas., J. S. Robinson; librarian, Miss Hazel White; organist, Mrs. Beatrice Bemis; asst. organist, Mrs. Florence Allen. The superintendent announced that \$41 had been sent to the Armenian and Syrian relief funds. It was voted to send a Bible lesson picture roll to Basutoland, South Africa. There were 42 in attendance.

EAST JAMAICA.

Mrs. F. H. Leonard remains quite ill. Miss Mildred Patterson is helping care for her.

Mrs. Perley Jones of West Townsend visited at her home here the first of the week.

Mrs. F. G. Patterson and little daughter, Lois, are at the home of her father, W. C. Lippincott.

The present school year of the River Sunday school began Aug. 2, 1917. From that time until Dec. 30, there has been an attendance of 515, and collections amounting to \$25.25, making the average attendance 24, the average collection \$1.20. Four new members have been added to the school and the graded lessons have been introduced into the primary department. There is also a marked increase in the number of Bibles present each Sunday.

WEST DUMMERSTON.

Mrs. Fred Tier of Brattleboro is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Burnham.

Mrs. Ida McCallis of Brattleboro is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Norcross.

Mrs. F. E. Phillips is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. F. Stevens, and family in Brattleboro.

Edward Phillips of Westminster West visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Leonard, the first of the week.

ATHENS.

Herbert Rand is visiting relatives in town.

During the recent Red Cross campaign 27 names were secured in this town.

Miss Helen Adams of South Royalton has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Rand, and family.

Sherman Oakes has been confined to the house much of the time this winter by attacks of appendicitis, from which he suffers a great deal.

During the recent cold period Athens was not overlooked by the weather clerk, thermometers in various parts of the town registering anywhere from 30 to 50 below zero and one place reported 60 below.

We all hope that the girl on the magazine cover does not feel as she looks.

The prosperous man says there is no such thing as luck; the down-and-out is sure of it.

HINSDALE, N. H.

Bean Supper Nets Red Cross \$50.

The Red Cross bean supper held at A. E. Torrey's on the Brattleboro road Wednesday evening was an enjoyable and profitable event and was attended by nearly 200 people, 150 having been served at 8 o'clock with the end of the line not in sight. Many sleigh ride parties from this town attended and Brattleboro was well represented while all North Hinsdale was present. The bounteous supper consisted of baked beans, scalloped potatoes, pies, cakes, pickles, hot rolls and coffee, all of which was generously contributed by patriotic residents of North Hinsdale. Candy and cigars were on sale and the entire evening's profits amounted to over \$50 which will be added to the local Red Cross.

Train Curtailment Not Serious Here.

The curtailment of trains which goes into effect Jan. 20 removes the 7:52 a. m. New York express from the Ashuelot branch and a new local train from Keene leaving here for the south at about 9:35 a. m., will take its place. The 4:55 p. m. train from New York as well as the 7:07 p. m. train from Keene will be discontinued. At Fort Hill station the 8:32 p. m. south bound train will also be discontinued. Considering the many changes made on some branches it is thought that the local lines have fared well.

Tobacco Concern Buys Land Tract.

A real estate transaction of considerable importance was completed this week when Granet & Bayle, tobacco dealers and growers of Hatfield, Mass., purchased from G. S. Smith the large tract of land on the Brattleboro road known as the fair ground. The firm also purchased the Herbert Hasting place which adjoins and plan to raise tobacco on an extensive scale the coming summer. Two large tobacco sheds will be added to the present buildings.

Mrs. G. A. Robertson Fractures Arm.

Mrs. George A. Robertson slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk Wednesday and fractured her arm. She was attended by Dr. H. L. Brown and later went to the Memorial hospital in Brattleboro to have the fracture examined. The trip to Florida which Mr. and Mrs. Robertson had expected to begin on Thursday has necessarily been postponed.

Tax Inspector Here Next Wednesday.

The income tax inspector will be at the selectmen's room in the town hall next Wednesday and Thursday to answer all questions relative to the new income tax law.

Miss Doris Wellington spent Sunday in Greenfield.

M. S. Leach was in Springfield, Mass., one day last week.

E. V. Aldrich was in Keene on business one day recently.

Louis Dickerman has leased the E. V. Aldrich house on Kilburn street.

Harold S. Garfield has been in Troy and Albany, N. Y., on business recently.

Dr. Chamberlain of Waseca, Minn., has been a recent guest of Dr. C. A. Gray.

Mrs. E. B. Sanderson has gone to Winsted, Conn., for a stay of several weeks.

Levi Howard of Worcester, Mass., is spending a few days in town with relatives.

Miss Catherine LaLiberte returned to her studies at Mt. St. Mary's academy in Hooksett last Monday.

Miss Marion Fitzgerald returned to Greenwich, Ct., last Saturday after spending a few weeks at her home here.

Rev. Fr. Richard Cahill of Burlington, Vt., has been visiting here this week with his brother, Rev. Fr. P. S. Cahill.

Canadian born young men in this town have received inquiries from their native country regarding their military status at the present time in this country.

Harold S. Garfield, treasurer of the Ashuelot Paper Co. has bought the fine residence of the late Lorenzo Stebbins. This place is pleasantly situated, overlooking the central part of the town and is considered a very desirable residence.

The deep snow in the woods and the cold weather have been a severe trial for wild life, particularly birds, and there is much evidence that partridges are paying a heavy toll to the fowling for their natural habit of burying themselves in the snow on cold nights.

The third of a series of the Hoover free lectures and demonstrations was given last week Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Monitor theatre, by Miss H. I. Weed. The subject was meat saving. The attendance was not very large but the extreme cold weather, undoubtedly was the cause of many not being present. These demonstrations are held once a month and are very helpful.

The Hinsdale Woman's club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. H. Fuller after one month's Christmas recess. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. F. A. Davis who surprised the club by introducing

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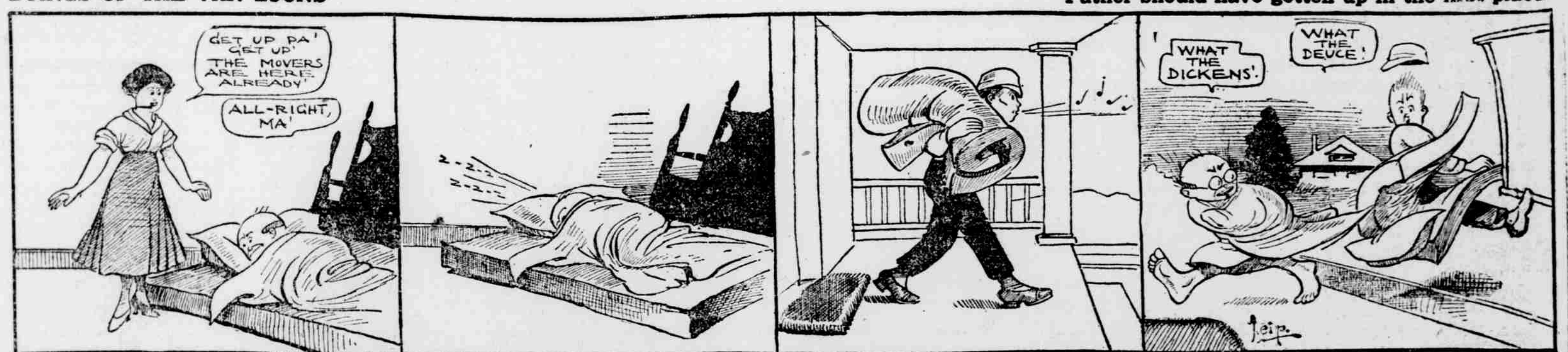
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